

Items for the Daily Log - 10 February 1953

1. Mr. Dulles and Mr. Pforzheimer called on Senator Saltonstall to discuss several matters arising from Mr. Dulles' nomination as DCI which was sent to Capitol Hill on 10 February. Senator Saltonstall stated that he would hold confirmation hearings as soon as possible but that in all probability they could not be held this week because of the Lincoln Day agreement that no serious business would be taken up.

* In connection with the proposed legislation for General Cabell, the Senator suggested that it be drafted as an amendment to the National Security Act. We pointed out that we were attempting to avoid any tampering with the National Security Act and, therefore, thought it best to come up with a special bill for General Cabell. He finally agreed that if we preferred a special bill for General Cabell it would be acceptable to him. General legislation for CIA will be held in abeyance. Senator Saltonstall agreed that it might be best to appoint a special subcommittee for handling CIA matters, as Senator Russell had originally done, and asked that Mr. Pforzheimer "keep after him to appoint such a group".

* 2. Mr. Dulles and Mr. Pforzheimer met with Chairman Short of the House Armed Services Committee and Mr. Blandford of the Committee Staff, both of whom urged that we put in a general bill for the Deputy Director rather than a specific bill for General Cabell. We thereupon agreed to revise the bill in view of Mr. Short's and Senator Saltonstall's advice.